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Honorable James McClure  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator McClure:

This is in response to your letter of August 13, 1986, cosigned by Representative Larry E. Craig and Senator Steven D. Symms, regarding timely implementation of fire rehabilitation plans for rangeland and wildlife habitat.

We share your concerns for the number and magnitude of wild fires occurring on Idaho's rangelands, and we agree that success in rehabilitating the range and wildlife habitat depends on quick and effective rehabilitation efforts. We have recently streamlined our emergency fire rehabilitation planning process and have delegated the authority to State Directors to approve fire rehabilitation plans in their States. This should greatly reduce the time involved to begin on-the-ground rehabilitation work. We will continue to give this effort the attention necessary to ensure the most effective measures are implemented in the quickest possible time.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Robert F. Benford*

Director